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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	JP 2003-146981 A (Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Co., Inc.), 21 May, 2003 (21.05.03), (Column 5, line 12 to column 6, line 1; column 1, lines 19 to 27) (Family: none)	1-9
Y	WO 01/92249 A2 (CORTHERAPEUTICS, INC.), 06 December, 2001 (06.12.01), (Page 62, lines 31 to 39) & US 2004/044225 A1	1-9
Y	JP 60-92283 A (Nippon Oil Co., Ltd.), 23 May, 1985 (23.05.85), (Page 3, upper right column, line 39 to lower left column, line 3) (Family: none)	1-9

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A	CRAVOTTO, G., "The reactivity of 4-hydroxy coumarin under heterogeneous high-intensity sonochemical conditions", Synthesis, 2003, No.8, pages 1286 to 1291	1-9

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(With respect to scope for search)

The terms "phenol or an analogue thereof" and "an olefin or an analogue thereof" given in claims 1, 4, 7, 8, and 10 and the term "optionally substituted" given in claim 1 are unclear as to what structure the compound implies. As a result, the scope of the reaction product "chromancarboxylic ester" given in claims 4 and 10 is also unclear. Even when the statements in the description are taken into account, these terms are not considered to be clearly defined although examples are shown. Consequently, it cannot be immediately thought that the compounds other than the compounds specified in the description likewise generate the chroman compound of claim 1 or 4.

With respect to "formaldehyde or an analogue thereof" given in claims 1-10, there is the statement "formaldehyde or an analogue thereof examples of which include paraformaldehyde or trioxane" in column [0007] of the description. On the other hand, in column [0011] of the description, there is the statement "formaldehyde or an analogue thereof means formaldehyde, an aqueous formaldehyde solution or a formaldehyde solution, or paraformaldehyde, which is capable of generating formaldehyde." Consequently, it is unclear as to what structures of compounds the "formaldehyde or an analogue thereof" includes.

Since claim 9 is "a process for producing 6-hydroxy-2,5,7,8-tetramethylchroman-2-carboxylic acid," the starting compound is considered to be "1,4-dihydroxy-2,3,5-trimethylbenzene." This is inconsistent with the statement that the starting compound is "1,4-dihydroxy-2,6-dimethylbenzene."

Therefore, a search was made mainly for the part which is supported by and disclosed in the description.

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